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The Honorable George H. Mahon
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am enclosing for your information copies of the final versions of the Objectives for the Intelligence Community for Fiscal Year 1975 and the Key Intelligence Questions for Fiscal Year 1975.

The first part of the Objectives I have termed "Substantive Objectives," and the Key Intelligence Questions are designed to be responsive to and to support these Objectives. The Key Intelligence Questions are issued as guidance to the Intelligence Community for the collection and production of intelligence on subjects of major importance to national-level intelligence consumers. They represent an effort to establish substantive intelligence needs as the driving force for the Intelligence Community.

The organization, evaluation, and resource allocation processes of the Intelligence Community should seek to satisfy such intelligence requirements. Reflecting this, I have called the second section of the Objectives "Resource Management Objectives." It deals with the interaction of the members of the Intelligence Community and the allocation of resources to and among them. Milestones have been established to measure and evaluate our progress toward satisfying these Objectives and to provide a customer satisfaction orientation to our resources review.

The Objectives will become the basis for my annual report to the President on how effectively the Intelligence Community performs during Fiscal Year 1975. I intend to ensure that the substantive intelligence needs of our customers dominate discussions and decisions about the Intelligence Community.

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It is my hope that the Objectives and Key Intelligence Questions will be of considerable help in improving the responsiveness of the Intelligence Community to the needs of the President, the National Security Council, and the Congress. I would be pleased to discuss them further with you and the Subcommittee at your convenience.

Sincerely,

W. E. Colby

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